(c) whether a large number of such mercenaries either killed or apprehended were from Pakistan and Afghanistan ;

(d) whether Government prpose to put such record before Internationally developed countries to seek their view-point to declare Pakistan a Terrorist State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (e) As part of its continuing "Proxy war" and efforts to forment violence and terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir, Pakistan has also infiltrated foreign nationals and mercenaries into the State. Nearly 300 foreign nationls/mercenaries have been apprehended/killed till November, 1994. Apart from a large number of Pakistan Nationals and residents of PoK, they belong to various other countires including Bahrain, Egypt, Lebanon, Sudan, Yemen, etc.

Evidence of Pakistan's sponsorship of terrorism, including infiltration of its own nationals and other outsiders and mercenaries for this purpose into Jammu and Kashmir, has been regularly disseminated, and is also being widely acknowledged. The Government will continue to make efforts to see that Pakistan is prevailed upon to stop such blatant aggression and sponsorship of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Funds for Development of Jammu and Kashmir

2603. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Jammu and Kashmir Government have requested for more Central funds to keep up the tempo of development works following overall improvement in the security situation in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof with quantum of such assistance ;

(c) whether the State Government propose to undertake several developmental works in the atmosphere of peace and normalcy now getting prevalent in the Valley ;

(d) if so, the names of such developmental projects to be undertaken ;

(e) whether request of State Government of Jammu and Kashmir has since been considered; and

(f) if so, the details there of and if not, the reasons ther for ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (f) The approved Plan Outlay of Jammu & Kashmir for the year 1994-95 is Rs. 950 crores. The sector-wise/scheme-wise outaly of this plan is at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 172, Annexure No. 61]. In view of the difficult financial problems of the State, the Centre has allowed in October, 1994 additional special plan assistance of Rs. 773 crores to the Government of Jammu & Kashmir to meet the resource gap for the year 1994-95. Ministry of Finance has also started releasing the amount of Rs. 773 crores of special assistance after making recovery of Rs. 668.40 crores due from the State Government towards the loan repayment and interest payment to the Ministry of Finance. The additional financial assistance is expected to help the State tide over the financial crisis so as to enable various Departments to implement the planned schemes more speedily.

Action Against Army and Other Para-Military Forces in Jammu

2604. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the PRIME MINITER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of personnel of the Army, para-military forces (BSF, CRPF and Indus rial Security Force, etc.) and local police prosecuted/punished/convicted for acts of criminal and other excesses and how many have been proceeded against/punished in the State of Jammu and Kashmir during the period from 1st April, 1994 to 30th November, 1994;

(b) the details of criminal offences and departmental lapses they have been proceeded against/punished and against which specific incident or incidents; and

(c) the number of militants and their collaborators and other transgressors of

laws, involved in acts of terrorism, sabotage, subversion, murders and kidnappings, etc. who have been convicted duing the period from 1st January, 1990 to 30th Novmber, 1994 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

ISI Plan on Sabotage Activities in Jammu and Kashmir

2605. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports to the effect that ISI has recently formulated a plan to step up militant activity in Kashmir and to send larger number of trained and doctrinated foreign mercenaries in the State of Jammu and Ksshmir;

(b) whether the spate of recent bombs explosions in Jammu and adjoining areas are a part of the plan;

(c) whether certain elements within the State are colluding with the ISI agents to increase the level of terrorism, sabotage and subversion in all parts of the State; and

(d) what special measures have been or are being taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNEHSH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (d) The attempts of Pakistan to fuel, aid and abet terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, through the ISI and other groups, have continued unabated. Apart from providing training, funds, weapons and sanctuary to elements of the youth in the State, trained foreign nationals and mercenaries have also been infiltrated into the State from across the LOC/Border, in an effort to step up violence, and boost the morale of the local subverted elements. Efforts have also been made to spread the arc of violence into the Jammu region, and to communalise the situation and create a sense of fear, through activities such as blasts in buses and public plac etc.

Security arrangements in the vulneralbe areas have been streamlined and augmented, and anti-terrorist operations are being pursued in a vigorous and sustained manner.

Supply of Food to Militants in Jammu and Kashmir

2606. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Food Department of Jammu and Kashmir has been helping Jammu and Kashmir militants in building up food stock for the winter in the Rajwad Alpine forests area of Kupwara District;

(b) whether the interrogation of some of the truck drivers intercepted by the security forces has revealed that food supplies were being surreptitiously sent to the militants in the aforesaid jungles;

(c) whether in the month of October/ November, 1994, one Major, one Lieutenant, three Jawans and two civilians and a few other persons dubbed as informers were first captured in the area and then mercilessly killed;

(d) whether any inquiry in the matter been held; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b) According to information made available by the State Government no such instances have come to notice.

(c) On 28-10-1994, a Patrol party was attacked by the militants in the forest area of Lachhimpora, district Kupwara, in which five personnel, including two officers were killed.

(d) and (e) Inquries revealed the presence of a large number of militants hiding in the jungles. Operations were launched in which 6 terrorists, including 5 foreign nationals, were killed, 2 apprehended and 10 rifles/pistols and ammunition were recovered.